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It is respectfully requested that a Certificate of Correction be issued for the above-referenced patent in accordance with the provisions of Rule 1.322 to correct the claims 1-17 with the appropriate 1-17 claims attached to this certificate of correction. We are also requesting a reprint of the patent. This appears to be a USPTO error, because in the image wrapper for this case there were a new set of claims submitted on 11/23/05 that were from a different firm for a different case. Please correct this error as soon as possible. Thank you.

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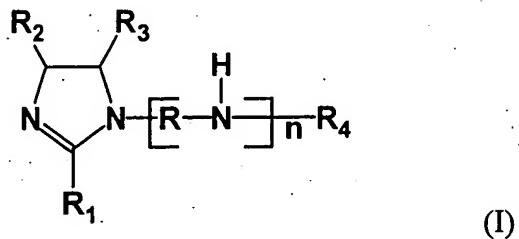
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CLAIMS

1. A composition comprising (meth)acrylic acid and one or more of the compounds selected from the group consisting of aminoalkyl imidazolines of formula (I)

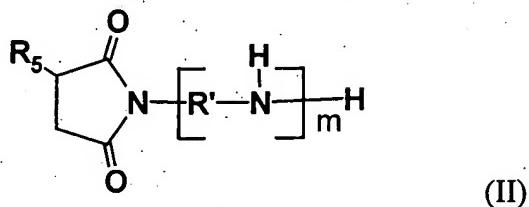
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(I)

- and alkyl-substituted succinimides of formula (II)

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(II)

and mixtures thereof wherein n is an integer of 1 to about 9; m is an integer of 1 to about 10; R and R' are C_1-C_6 alkylene; R_1 R_2 R_3 and R_5 are independently selected from C_1-C_{30} alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, alkylaryl, arylalkyl, aminoalkyl, and aminoaryl; and R_4 is selected from hydrogen, $(CH_2)_2COOH$, $CH_2CH(CH_3)COOH$, imidazoline, alkyl and alkylaryl.

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2. The composition of claim 1 wherein the aminoalkyl imidazoline is prepared by reacting a carboxylic fatty acid with a polyethylene polyamine.

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3. The composition of claim 1 wherein the aminoalkyl imidazoline is prepared by reacting tall oil fatty acid with a polyethylene polyamine.

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4. The composition of claim 1 wherein the aminoalkyl imidazoline is prepared by (i) reacting tall oil fatty acid with a polyethylene polyamine; and (ii) reacting the product of step (i) with acrylic acid.

5. 5. The composition of claim 1 wherein the alkyl-substituted succinimide is prepared by reacting a mixture of C₁₂-C₃₀ olefins, maleic anhydride and polyethylene polyamine.

6. The composition of claim 1 wherein the alkyl-substituted succinimide is prepared by reacting a mixture of C₁₂-C₃₀ olefins, maleic anhydride and diethylene triamine.

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7. The composition of claim 1 further comprising one or more polymerization inhibitors.

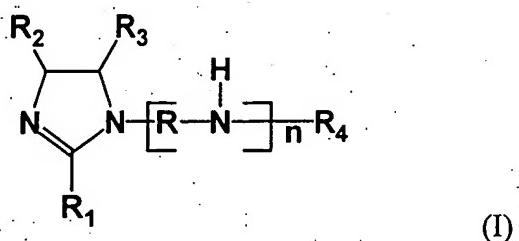
8. The composition of claim 1 further comprising one or more dispersants.

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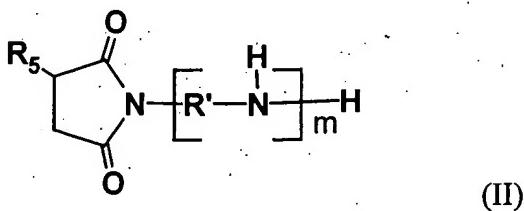
10. The composition of claim 1 further comprising one or more solvents.

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11. A method of preventing fouling in a (meth)acrylic acid process comprising adding to the process stream an effective antifouling amount of one or more aminoalkyl imidazolines of formula (I)



- or one or more alkyl-substituted succinimides of formula (II)



15 or a mixture thereof wherein n is an integer of 1 to about 9; m is an integer of 1 to about 10; R and R' are C₁-C₆ alkylene; R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₅ are independently selected from C₁-C₃₀ alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, alkylaryl, arylalkyl, aminoalkyl, and aminoaryl; and R₄ is selected from hydrogen, (CH₂)₂COOH, CH₂CH(CH₃)COOH, imidazoline, alkyl and alkylaryl.

- 20 12. The method of claim 11 wherein the aminoalkyl imidazolines or alkyl-substituted succinimides are added to the process at a dosage of about 1 to about 10,000 ppm.

13. The method of claim 11 wherein the aminoalkyl imidazolines or alkyl-substituted succinimides are added to the process at a dosage of about 10 to about 1000 ppm.

14. The method of claim 11 wherein the aminoalkyl imidazolines or alkyl-substituted succinimides are added to the process at a dosage of about 30 to about 300 ppm.

15. The method of claim 11 wherein the aminoalkyl imidazolines or alkyl-substituted succinimides are added continuously.
- 5 16. The method of claim 11 wherein the aminoalkyl imidazolines or alkyl-substituted succinimides are added intermittently.
- 10 17. The method of claim 11 wherein the (meth)acrylic acid process is selected from (meth)acrylic acid manufacturing processes, (meth)acrylic acid esterification processes, acrolein manufacturing processes and acrylonitrile manufacturing processes.

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